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1. The Council of Ministers of the Rumanian People's Republic issued a new regulation on 23 September 1953 concerning postal relations with the West. The regulation is specifically directed at foreign Communist newspapers coming into Rumania. They are considered a propaganda danger for Rumanians because of the variety of subjects discussed and no one is allowed to receive Communist papers from abroad, even Party officials or government authorities.
2. Censorship of Rumanian papers intended for foreign countries has become particularly severe. Point 12, paragraph C of the regulation makes the publisher or sender responsible for pricked letters appearing in the text, and for the presence of handwritten notes slipped between the sheets, regardless of the content. Point 18a also makes postal employees responsible for this type of irregularity and point 19b specifies that an employee tolerating them will be made responsible and punished as an enemy of the people.
3. A special censorship division for newspapers has been in operation in Bucharest since 25 September 1953 which checks on the eventual misuse of newspapers for illegal correspondence with foreign countries.
4. The postal, telegraph and telephone systems are in complete chaos in Rumania. Even official mail lies around the post offices for weeks before delivery. One bag of mail for the Soviet troops in Timisoara was lost and found a week later in a public toilet. The postal employees sometimes use newspapers and letters to build fires in cold weather or sell them for wastepaper. Parcels are opened or disappear entirely when the employees search for food or clothing.

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